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## Clowns, Jesters

I was amused at the flowery handling of Congress in your March issue. The author's views surely are not those of the majority of your members.

A more interesting subject would be: "How can you afford to spend \$2 million getting elected to a job that pays about \$200,000 for the full term (including the much-discussed automatic pay raise of 1986)?"

Most veterans are concerned about how we can encourage better-qualified people to run for these jobs, how we can rid ourselves of the clowns and jesters who populate Washington, and how we can dispel the aura of greed and corruption that hovers over the dome.

*Edward H. Nabb  
Cambridge, Md.*

## Baiting The Trap

Your editorial, "Baiting the Trap" (March) was interesting, but depressing. Same goes for your "Soviets vs. Western Diplomats."

I just finished reading "How Democracies Perish," by Jean-Francois Revel. I'm wondering how much our politicians gave away in our latest negotiations with the Soviets. We always seem to give away more than we receive.

The schools and churches are no help in exposing communism.

We need an organization on the national level to expose our liberal media and politicians, before we find the hammer and sickle flying in our own country.

*Fred Buchholz  
Golva, N.D.*

## Look Within First

As a member of a large family of veterans, the Legion, VFW, CBI Vets, the Hump Pilots Association, etc., I have listened to the cry "support the veteran" most of my life. But I cannot recall any organizational encouragement to look within our own memberships when in need of a particular service.

I just read my monthly letter from

The American Legion Mohawk Post 1450, Halfmoon, N.Y. Among the items of interest was a notice that a "Members Service List" was to be made available.

To my knowledge, this is a first. It is a practice that should be implemented in every post throughout the country to promote and use the talents of our veterans.

*Support the veteran*—start at home within your own post.

*Robert O'Brien  
Clifton Park, N.Y.*

## Winning Minds

The De Borchgrave interview (March) is the best ever and of vital importance to our nation. I shall show it to my local editors, and I hope every post commander in the country will do likewise. It is essential that they read this man's views on what is happening to our country through communist disinformation.

*Joe Ray  
Whitesboro, N.Y.*

## Equal COLAs

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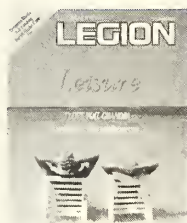
*Douglas MacDonald  
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## Part Of The Past

I agree that the U.S. Postal Service gives poor service ("Where's the Mail?" March). The reasons are twofold: First, dedication to duty is not as dominant in our society today as it was 30 or 40 years ago. Second, many of today's supervisors in the U.S. Postal Service, as well as in all large businesses, are of the generation that believes real service is a part of the past and has become cost ineffective.

*Jim Hawkins  
Fresno, Calif.*

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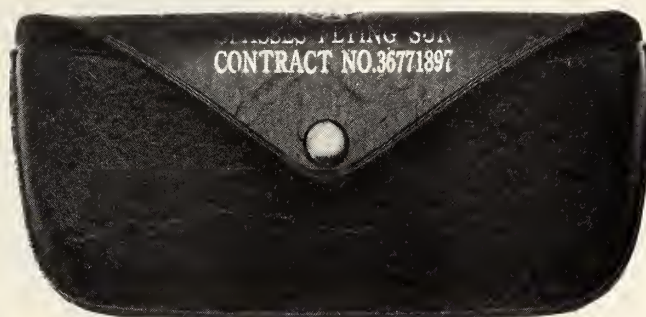
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This true story typifies the plight of many veterans from many eras, not just Vietnam. Studies reveal that from 30 percent to 50 percent of the estimated 2 million homeless people are veterans. Up to 40 percent are from the Vietnam era.

Consider these shocking statistics: 1 million unemployed veterans, a quarter million unemployed disabled veterans, countless underemployed veterans who can't find full-time work, and veterans who have given up looking. With nearly 300,000 Americans being discharged from military service each year, the problem is not short-term either.

Why are veterans having such a tough time? The reasons are complex, but a major factor fueling the fires of unemployment is the economic transition America is experiencing. As the nation switches from heavy industry to high technology and service-related employment, veterans are being displaced from their middle-income industrial jobs. And, because they lack certain skills or education, they are ending up with lower-income jobs. This has resulted in evictions and home mortgage defaults, as well as family break-ups.

The American Legion is no stranger to the problems of the jobless and homeless veteran. The deep recession following World War I led early Legionnaires to provide food, clothing and job assistance to less fortunate veterans.



*Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean*

This tradition of giving continues today, as many of our posts provide emergency food, shelter and financial resources for veterans who find themselves with no place to turn. As an organization, our programs honoring Employers of the Year for Hiring Veterans, Employ The Older Worker Week, and National Employ The Handicapped Week, help to create a positive job-opportunity environment.

**B**ECAUSE many veterans are unaware of government programs designed to help them find employment or training, I feel it is important that each post have an active employment chairman who can direct veterans to the proper agencies and ultimately back to work.

While we have done a lot to help our fellow veterans, I feel we could contribute more, especially now while the government is still working out solutions.

True to our fears, the current administration has submitted a proposal to Con-

gress that would eliminate the federal requirement for a state employment service system and abolish the U.S. Employment Service at the national level. This is unacceptable to The American Legion because these proposals would virtually eliminate representatives of local veterans employment and disabled veterans outreach programs. Without federal controls, states would operate as they see fit, and veterans preference could no longer be assured.

We oppose any structural change in the administration or funding of the Employment Service, and recommend that the service be provided adequate funding to deal with current labor problems and the expected economic changes in the 1990s.

What can you do? I urge you to write your congressmen and tell them that we support the present Employment Service system and that adequate funding is necessary for a practicable public employment service in the future.

Congress also is studying a number of legislative proposals to assist homeless veterans. But, I'm afraid many appear to be stop-gap measures, rather than permanent answers. We need permanent solutions and we need them quickly.

By the way, the story about the Vietnam veteran does have a happy ending. A counselor with the New York Division of Veterans Affairs learned of the veteran's plight and persuaded the veteran's ex-employer to rehire him. In addition, the counselor's inquiries to the DoD finally yielded sufficient records to establish the right to compensation, and the veteran was awarded retroactive payment dating from March 1978.

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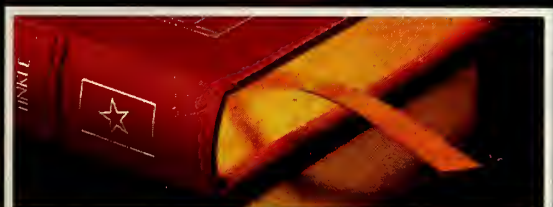
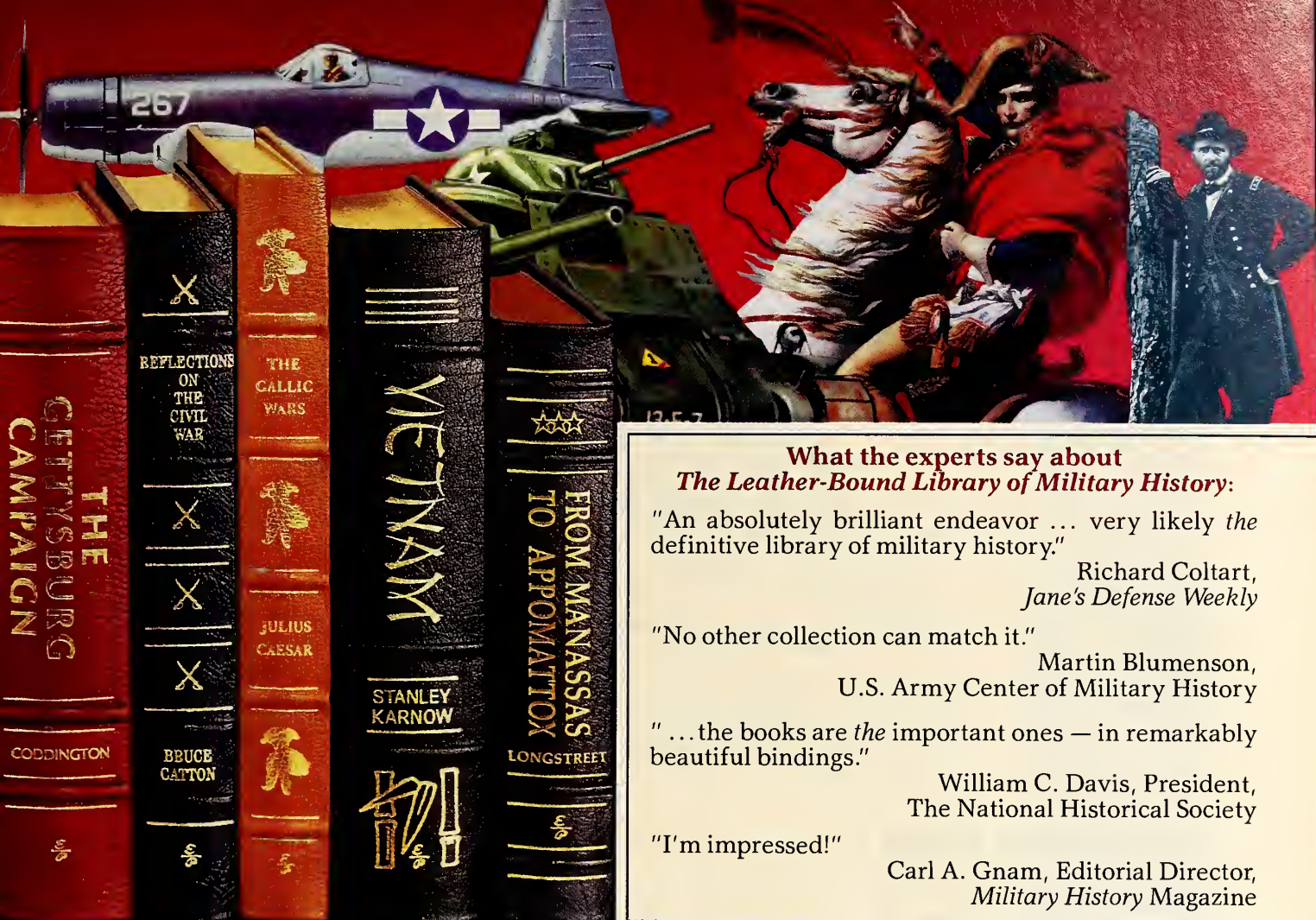
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## Labor Days In Congress

The clout of organized labor on Capitol Hill has dwindled in recent years, but the Democrat-controlled 100th Congress is considering legislation that might restore some of the unions' lost glitter.

There's serious talk in both chambers to raise the minimum wage level from its current \$3.35-per-hour rate. Also, there's a move to require employers to give workers 90 days' notice before a major layoff or plant closing, congressional sources said.

Labor leaders have been pressing lawmakers to ban union contractors from establishing new companies that use non-union workers. Also, unions have a vested interest in protective clauses and displaced-employee training measures proposed in trade bills before Congress.

Labor's strength, however, will not be tested only in favorable legislation, but also in measures labor officials don't want. Bills have been introduced to repeal the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires the payment of the "prevailing wage" to workers on federally financed construction projects. Another bill proposes to replace so-called "compulsory unionism" with right-to-work legislation.

## Unfriendly Skies?

Just when you thought it was safe to drink our once-polluted water, eat food formerly covered with pesticides and send your children to asbestos-free schools, now you may have to run from the sun.

Many chemicals used today might be eroding the Earth's ozone—that protective shield against certain ultraviolet rays from the sun. The loss of ozone protection has been cited as a cause of cataracts and cancer.

Researchers said that efforts to curb this global threat have been fruitless so far, but some legislators want the United States to take the lead by placing sharp limits on chlorofluorocarbons and other chemicals produced by industries.

Scientists have discovered a "hole" in the ozone protective shell over Antarctica and many believe that this will precipitate a major environmental catastrophe. Other scientists have doubts about the source of the gap and question the seriousness of the situation.

## Have Plates, Will Travel

Handicapped citizens are tired of receiving parking tickets when they journey out of state, and apparently have persuaded Congress to do something about it.

A bill titled Traffic Safety for Handicapped Individuals amends the National Highway Safety Act by establishing a uniform parking system that requires all 50 states to honor handicapped license plates. If a state does not comply, the Transportation Department would have the authority to disapprove that state's safety plan and withhold federal road improvement funds.

According to Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, co-sponsor of the bill, there are 6.5 million disabled Americans who need special parking permits to enable them to travel by automobile. Kerry said some disabled citizens traveling to

other states have been issued parking citations by police who did not recognize or honor out-of-state handicapped identification.

Sen. Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, another supporter of the bill, said that the legislation was necessary because handicapped persons deserve every consideration "if they are to fully exercise their rights in our society."

## A Burning Issue

Where there's smoke—there's Congress. At least, that's the way it appears on Capitol Hill this spring. While numerous anti-smoking bills are making the rounds of lawmakers, powerful tobacco lobbyists are fuming in legislative corridors.

Some anti-smoking supporters would place a ban on print media advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Their opposition argues that the measure violates free speech and free press. Another group seeks to ban smoking in air travel, but opponents claim the ban would violate individual rights.

A third group of lawmakers wants to impose a stiff tax on all smoking materials in order to curb the habit. Yet to be fully heard from is the tobacco lobby, which is gearing up for a long fight.

One thing is for certain. The anti-smoking issue is complex. The U.S. Surgeon General has called for legislation to reduce smoking because it's a health hazard, but libertarian organizations interpret many of the anti-smoking proposals as assaults on civil liberties.

## Troubled Teens

America's youths are twice as likely as today's adults to be victims of violent crime, according to the Bureau of Justice statistics.

Data gathered between 1982 and 1984 show that young people between 12 and 19 were victims of violent crime at a rate of 60 per 1,000—double the rate for adults. Also, the theft rate among youngsters was 124 per 1,000, nearly twice that of adults.

About half the crimes committed against teens were by offenders under 21, the Bureau said. The survey indicated that teen-agers were less likely to report incidents to authorities and that 40 percent of the victims knew their assailants.

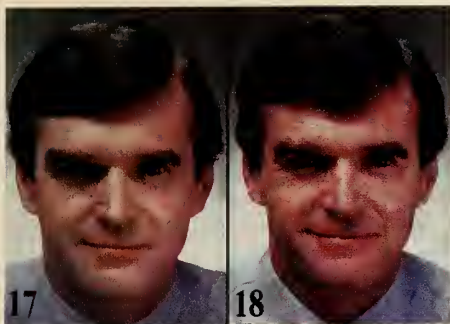
The data were based on interviews with 101,000 people in 49,000 households. The survey provides an actual measure of crime as opposed to those crimes reported to police.

## Quote of the Month

*"Until the various countries of the world get on their feet and become self-supporting, there can be no political or economic stability in the world and no lasting peace or prosperity for any of us... The way to combat communism is with prosperity."*

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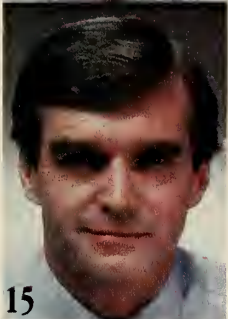
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# Should There Be A National Lottery To Reduce The Deficit?

Rep. Joseph M. McDade, R-Pa.

Drastic spending reductions are unpalatable and tax increases are very unpopular. One excellent suggestion for raising revenue without increasing taxes is creating a national lottery.

## YES



I have introduced H.R. 189, which I believe is a fair and feasible method of deficit reduction. A national lottery is not a cure-all; rather, a sensible first step in a series of actions to deal with the problem. The amount of money that could be raised through a national lottery is estimated to be between \$5 billion and \$30 billion each year.

There is strong evidence to suggest that lotteries are an effective way to bring revenues into the U.S. Treasury. About \$12.1 billion worth of lottery tickets were sold during 1985 in the 22 states that already have them. Other states are now considering having lotteries. Polls show that Americans approve of lotteries by a margin of nearly 3-to-1.

Under my legislation, no less than half the money raised through the lottery would be used to reduce the federal deficit. No more than 35 percent would go toward prizes, and 10 percent for operating expenses. Some people argue that this unfairly forces certain states to operate a game of chance when they morally oppose it. I have proposed that states that do not want to participate can opt out by prohibiting the sale of lottery tickets.

The states that already have lotteries should be protected from a loss of revenues from the competition of a national lottery. I have added provisions that set aside 5 percent of the receipts to compensate states where lottery sales drop after enactment of a national lottery.

Trying to find ways to reduce the federal deficit has become Congress' search for the Holy Grail and this problem has a serious affect on the fabric of life in America. The typical methods of attacking the federal deficit will not provide a solution this time. Congress must demonstrate a conviction to get the crisis under control. We must be creative as we examine other serious alternatives.

Every day millions of Americans buy lottery tickets. No one has twisted their arms, and the revenue generated is substantial. A national lottery is a reasonable and potentially lucrative method of voluntarily bringing in billions of dollars to the U.S. Treasury. It is truly an idea whose time has come. ☐

Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn.



## NO

A national lottery sounds great, doesn't it? Like the sales pitch of a carnival barker on the midway, everyone can be a winner. Players have fun, and it's a painless way to reduce the deficit. But like the midway games, the truth is that most people lose. In most state lotteries, for every big winner, there are millions of losers who bought into the pitch-man's quick ticket to paradise.

Before we buy into this solution to the budget deficit, we must ask ourselves, "Is it fair? Is it appropriate for the national government to be involved in an enterprise whose success depends on fooling the people? I think not.

Some will argue that lotteries are simply a form of taxation, but with the great virtue that the tax is paid voluntarily. But if it is just another tax, shouldn't we judge it by the same standards that we apply to other taxes? Lotteries are regressive in that they take a larger portion of income from those who have fewer dollars to spend. Lotteries have been described as "a tax on the poor to help the desperate."

Last year, Congress devised a tax system that will lessen the tax burden of the poor. It doesn't make sense to turn around and impose a regressive tax, voluntarily or otherwise, when we know in advance that those least able will spend more.

As a revenue-raising source, a lottery is not very efficient. Only 25 percent to 30 percent of the dollars separated from players are used for the benefit of the public. And as a solution to our national deficit, it's no quick fix either. One study found that if 50 percent of the sales from a national lottery were retained by the federal government, every person over the age of 16 would have to buy \$2,041 in lottery tickets to eliminate a deficit of \$185 million.

In an age when the call is for less government, a national lottery would only add to the federal bureaucracy. It would require sizable start-up funds, a regulatory body, an administrative agency to oversee the operation of the lottery in every state, and a distribution network. Also, a national lottery intrudes on a policy that has traditionally been left to the states.

There's no doubt that creative and innovative solutions are needed to bring the federal deficit under control. But for my money, a national lottery is not a good bet. ☐

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By Gary Turbak

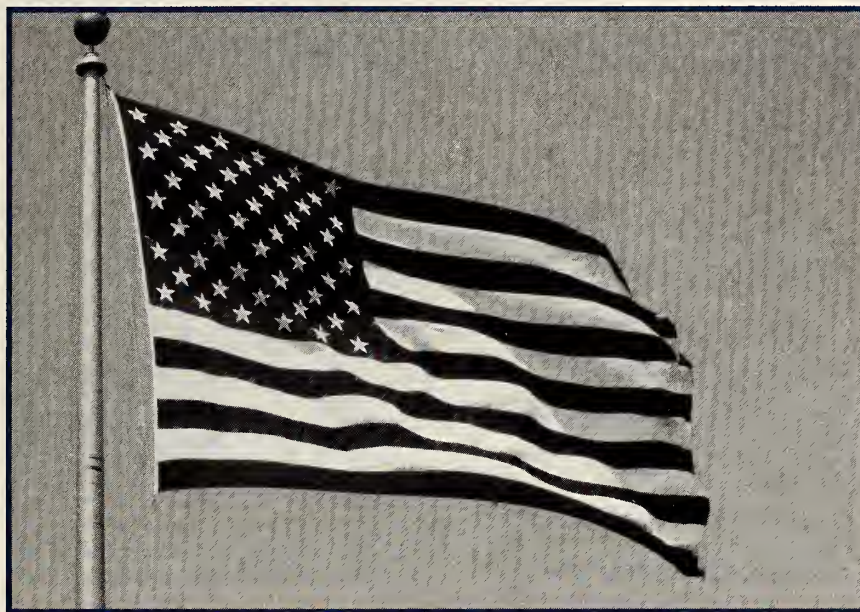
**S**OMETIME between childhood and maturity there emerges in the American soul a reverence, a love, for our flag. We don't think about it much, and we talk about it even less, but the burning pride is there. It swells forth like a flood when a countryman steps to the Olympic victory stand. Or steps to the surface of the moon. Or when a bunch of American boys beat the Russian pros at hockey. Or when we've been gone to a foreign land and come safely home again.

Perhaps we honor Old Glory because we know where she's been—Iwo Jima, Normandy, Inchon, Khe Sanh. She's been to mountaintops and sea bottoms. To Mars and beyond Saturn and Jupiter to the darkness of outer space. But also to Ellis Island, where her gently wafting Stars and Stripes have welcomed millions of refugees to a land they'd never seen before.

We respect her, too, for the load she carries. Dancing airily in the breeze, hers looks like an easy job, but it's just not so. Democracy, freedom, justice, equality—such heavy burdens. A lesser flag could never bear them.

Old Glory's timeless, ageless beauty began in the dark days of a faltering revolution. On June 14, 1777, a terse resolution by the Continental Congress gave birth to a national flag.

People talked of her stripes and stars and her white, red and blue, but they made no mention of the bravery that would stitch her together. Nor of the wisdom that would make her last and



the greatness that might sharpen her colors. Yet somehow they knew.

Two months later, before the infant ensign joined the Army, patriots at Fort Schuyler, N.Y., fashioned her likeness from shirt, petticoat and cloak. They raised their homemade flag in the face of the British siege, and Old Glory came under fire for the first time.

Out of that war and into the next she served. On a dark night near Fort McHenry, a young lawyer strained to see if the Stars and Stripes still flew above the battle. In the anxious moments at dawn's early light he put his fears—and her promise—on paper, and suddenly Old Glory had her own song.

Down through the decades she's come, increasing with each generation her strength, wisdom and majesty. To soldiers she's a leader, taking them into battle; to those that fall, a final cloak. To the children who pledge to her their allegiance, she is the future. To the world she's a beacon, a guiding light illuminating the greatest human experi-

ment ever attempted.

To those who deal in chaos, she's the enemy, but no terrorist's torch can ever hurt her. Burned again and again on the streets of Iran, Old Glory rose phoenix-like from the ashes to welcome home the hostages. At Andrews Air Force Base, those 52 heroes stepped off the plane to the sight of a 7-ton, 2-acre star-spangled banner waving in the breeze.

Some say the flag is only a symbol, a simple symbol of a complex nation and people. But sometimes a symbol can reduce complexity to essence. Sometimes a symbol becomes the thing it represents. So it is with Old Glory. We are the flag. The flag is us. Woven into its fabric is all that we are and all that we can be.

So it is that when we raise our eyes to that red, white and blue banner, it is not just a flag we salute. Rather, a whole nation, a whole people ripple there in the wind: The glory of the past and a promise for the future—the last, best secular hope for mankind. □

*Gary Turbak is an Air Force veteran of Vietnam and an award-winning free-lance journalist based in Missoula, Mont.*



# San Antonio's La Villita Site For Family Festival

**L**A VILLITA, a colorful Mexican-American village in downtown San Antonio and site of the city's original settlement, will host The American Legion's family festival during the 69th National Convention, Aug. 21 to 27.

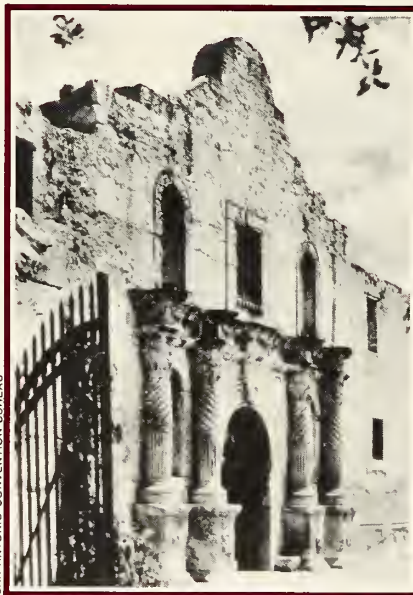
The village, a collection of historic homes, artisans' workshops, plazas and specialty shops, contrasts with the towering glass-steel skyline of the Alamo city. Although details of the celebration were not available at press time, the festival at La Villita is scheduled for Monday afternoon, Aug. 24.

It will mark the second year in which a family festival has been added to convention activities. "We had about 25,000 attend the festival in Cincinnati last year," said National Public Relations Director Hubert R. Dagley II, whose division sponsors the festival. "That was our first attempt at such an event. We expect this year's will be just as successful."

Legion officials said La Villita is conveniently located near the Legion's convention headquarters, the 633-room Hyatt Regency and 502-room Marriott hotels, both located along San Antonio's lush and popular River Walk. National Auxiliary members and the Eight and Forty will set up headquarters at the San Antonio Hilton, while Sons of The American Legion meet at the Hyatt.

Pre-convention activities get under way Sunday, Aug. 23, with an interdenominational memorial service at the North Banquet Hall of the city's Convention Center. Concluding the service is the traditional wreath-laying ceremony, with the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Eight and Forty participating.

Later that day, the roll of drums and the sound of brass will herald the gigantic Legion parade through the downtown area. Legion color guards, marching bands, floats and other guest units will entertain spectators along the route that



**ONE OF MANY**—Historical sites such as the Alamo will command Legionnaires' attention after working hours.

leads by the Alamo Plaza. The parade, beginning at 4 p.m., is a perennial favorite with conventioners.

Convention business will begin Tuesday, Aug. 25, with delegates receiving the first of a slate of resolutions for consideration. A number of speakers will address conventioners throughout the three-day event, and several distinguished guests will be introduced by Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean.

**L**EGIONNAIRES interested in fine food and entertainment may want to attend the National Commander's Banquet, Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Convention Center's North Banquet Hall, which is also the site of the Auxiliary States Dinner the following evening.

A commemorative bottle with a Texas flair and crafted in part in the Alamo's image will be high on the list of Legionnaires looking for appropriate mementos of their San Antonio experience. The bottle will be available at the convention, but beginning this month, it may be ordered in advance from The

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Blue-cap members and their families staying at hotels near the airport will be able to ride to the Convention Center and the Municipal Auditorium aboard shuttle buses. A Legion spokesman said the shuttle service will operate from early morning to late evening during the convention.

For the adventurous, San Antonio offers a wide range of activities and myriad tourist sites, including the Alamo, Brackenridge Park Zoo, Japanese Tea Gardens and the 750-foot Tower of the Americas. After a hard day cooped up inside with convention business, Legionnaires might want to cool off with a leisurely ride along the jade-green waters of the Paseo del Rio, a sinuous waterway that cuts through the downtown area.

San Antonio, which hosted the Legion's 10th convention in 1928, also can be viewed from another comfortable vantage point aboard one of the many inexpensive trolleys that shuttle through the city streets. Legionnaires inclined to see how their former service branches have changed may wish to visit military installations near San Antonio, such as Lackland Air Force Base and the Army's Ft. Sam Houston.

Access to San Antonio is direct and scenic. Visitors to the southwest Texas metropolis can follow Interstates 10, 35 and 37. Legion officials recommended that those traveling by air should contact their local travel agents early. Legionnaires seeking hotel reservations and other convention information should contact their department adjutants.

"The activities, cultural environment and favorable climate of San Antonio promise to make this a banner convention for the Legion," said Robert Radke, National Convention director. "This historic and colorful town has something to offer everyone." □



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# WE CAN STOP TERRORISTS!

*"We are dealing with modern-day barbarians...and the only way to stop them is to kill them," says terrorism expert Michael Vlahos, who advocates direct attack and use of U.S. forces to free American hostages.*

**American Legion Magazine:** With all its military might and economic power, the United States seems helpless against terrorist provocation and hostage-taking. What can be done?

**Dr. Michael Vlahos:** We refuse to see that terrorists have used our own values against us. This means terrorists believe they can take hostages without paying a price for their actions, and they can always get what they want. Those two beliefs inspire in terrorists confidence and a sense of real encouragement to continue their provocations.

Our problem is that by following the moral precepts of refraining from using military force too easily, and trying to deal rationally with terrorism, we deprive ourselves of any means of deterring future hostage-taking. Terrorists don't look at our moral principles and values as we do. They look at them not as strengths binding a society together, but as weaknesses preventing us from defending ourselves. What to us seems a principled position, to them looks like the grossest weakness—and what the terrorists believe is what is important when dealing with them.

I find it shocking that we have not responded to hostage-taking by using force. Most of our news media and some members of government create the impression that we are helpless and that, in fact, we believe terrorism is a part of life, like traffic deaths—something we have to live with.

**Q.** What kind of forceful action could we take?

**A.** In considering the kinds of force that could be used, we should think in strategic terms. What is the objective of using force? We do not use it to feel good, to punish terrorists, to get revenge or to demonstrate American resolve. We use force to deprive terrorists of the belief that hostage-taking is *useful* to them. We must rob terrorists of the utility of their acts and deter them from taking hostages in the future.

We can't just bomb, because that would look like retribution. It might also make us look weak, for if the terrorists get away free, and women and children are killed, it might actually hurt us by encouraging more hostage-taking.

If we are to deter terrorists from taking hostages, we must do something very difficult.

The only effective countermeasure is to locate where the hostages are being held, launch a special operations team to rescue them and kill the terrorists.

By killing the terrorists you establish in their minds an equality and respect that do not now exist. Also, we are telling them that we will attempt to rescue the hostages, even if the rescue can't be completely successful and some of the hostages might die. So we are saying to terrorists that not only will you get nothing for taking a hostage, but also as soon as you take one, we will go after you and you will probably die.

**Q.** Is reliable intelligence the critical element in preventing terrorism?

**A.** There are two critical elements: One is intelligence and the other is effective use of force.

**Q.** What would it take today in the way of combatant strength to launch an attack?

**A.** It depends. If several terrorists were holding an airliner hostage with several hundred people on board, we would need the equivalent of perhaps two to three platoons, or about 100 men. However, if we were going into militia-held territory, in Lebanon let's say, several hundred troops would be needed. Some people would recoil at the thought of several hundred American special forces troops landing surreptitiously and fighting it out. That might lead to a lot of Americans dying. Yet, so long as we do proportionate damage to the terrorists and save the lives of the hostages, most Americans would understand.

**Q.** What role would the aircraft carrier task force play in this kind of action?

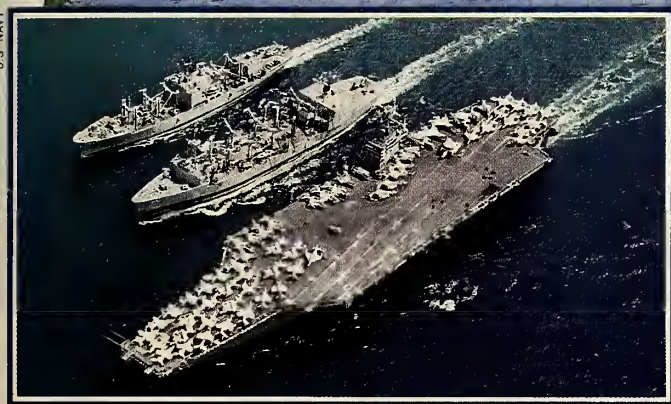
**A.** Any action going into a hostile environment demands air support and cover. As an example, air support and cover requirements going into Lebanon or Libya would be major. It is necessary to cover any operation, however small,





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**AIR SUPPORT**—Vlahos cites the importance of aircraft carrier task forces in raids against nations supporting terrorists.

with enough air power to neutralize, if necessary, the air force of that country. So we could need up to three carriers. Also, we don't want to be in a position where we would have to leave people behind, and the carriers lessen that possibility.

**Q.** Why take action only against terrorists when we know certain nations support terrorists? For example, why not take action against Syria and Iran?

**A.** There are two problems with military attacks. You have to go to war to do so, which, in the case of Syria, could mean involving the Soviet Union. Also, in the case of Syria and Iran, a war would be disproportionate. Just because a few Americans are attacked, should that mean we go to war and potentially lose hundreds of thousands of American lives? By killing the terrorists and hitting their networks, you are going to discourage terrorist activity by Syria and Iran. However, if you don't discourage it by that kind of response, then you should take more measures, but not necessarily military.

**Q.** Could measures be taken by NATO, say, to cut off oil purchases?

**A.** I doubt it. Part of the problem is that before we sold those few weapons to Iran, five or six European countries were selling all sorts of weapons to Iran. This is an unfortunate comment on the strength of our Atlantic alliances, but there is no way in which we can bring Europe along unless there is a major war. The Europeans are

frightened people these days. We have to be able to go in on our own.

**Q.** Is there any chance that the Soviets might cooperate in an attempt to free hostages?

**A.** Part of the problem with the Soviet Union is that for a while they were inspiring much of the terrorism. A lot of evidence suggests that they were behind the attempted assassination of the Pope. They certainly were supporting Libyan and Syrian terrorism, which is still going on. The Soviet Union has a vested interest in supporting terrorism, however obliquely and indirectly, as long as that terrorism continues to sap the cohesion and strength of the West.

Yet, the Soviet Union doesn't want terrorism to continue if it galvanizes the West and the West responds strongly. So I think the best way to get the Soviet Union out of the business of supporting terrorism is to go after the terrorists; then you put the Soviets in a difficult position.

**Q.** A couple of Soviet hostages were taken in Lebanon, but then no more. Why?

**A.** The Soviets followed the adage of an eye for an eye—taking hostages of their own and returning them dead. They lost a couple of people but the others were released. We could do the same thing. We are dealing with modern-day barbarians and we would be descending to the level of barbarians if we started taking hostages and killing them. But, the only way to stop terrorists is to kill them.

**Q.** Wasn't the United States once deeply admired in the Middle East?

**A.** Yes. When the British and French and other colonial rulers were governing these places, the United States

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PROPHECY is very difficult, especially with respect to the future," said Mark Twain. James Ogilvy doubtlessly agreed with Twain, but he nevertheless cast a probing eye over the changing face of America and observed: "The success of the industrial revolution has satisfied most of the demand for tangible goods such as housing, clothing and cars. But we find ourselves in the midst of what many call an information revolution, and you can't eat bytes and bits."

Ogilvy, director of research for the Values and Lifestyles Program, SRI International, Menlo Park, Calif., said Americans now enjoy the traditional necessities of food, clothing and shelter and have come to expect a fourth necessity—leisure and recreation.

"The growth of our economy is no longer driven by the desires of consumers to accumulate goods," he said. "It is driven by the consumer's quest for vivid experiences."

Sociologist Abraham Maslow concurred. "Once an economy is productive enough to satisfy most people's basic needs, then people spend an increasing proportion of their incomes on satisfying inner needs."

Satisfying inner needs can be as varied as playing tennis and golf, or playing a musical instrument or painting pictures. In recent years, attendance at spectator sports has grown enormously, but participation in sports has grown faster still. From 1970 to 1980, the number of softball players grew to 30 million from 16 million, while golfers increased to 13 million from 10 million. Tennis players shot up to 26 million from 11 million. Pollster Louis Harris indicated that amateur photographers have increased to 40 percent of the population from 19 percent, while painters and graphic artists grew to 28 percent from 22 percent.

How much a household can satisfy its recreational needs depends upon how much discretionary income it has. In 1985, the Conference Board, a private non-profit organization, and the U.S. Census Bureau published a surprising study of the money available to Americans after they had paid for the traditional necessities of life. Twenty-six million of the nation's 84 million

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## THE FOURTH NECESSITY

# SATISFYING OUR INNER NEEDS

*Once we have satisfied our needs for food, clothing and shelter, what happens next? According to sociologists, Americans have acquired a fourth need—recreation.*

**By Richard Dunlop**

households had discretionary income averaging \$10,525. Because their house is paid for and they no longer have children to support, older people often have more discretionary income than younger people. In 1900, people aged 50 or over represented only 13 percent of the population; today this age group makes up 34 percent. Some 28 million people, or 16 percent of the total U.S. population, are 65 years or older. Not only do older people enjoy more financial security than ever before, but also modern medicine has provided them with better health. Per capita income peaks between 55 and 60 years of age and continues well above the average for at least a decade more. More than ever before, older people today have the money and health to enjoy their leisure.

Since World War II there have been three epochs in America's continuing story. Yankelovich, Skelly and White's study of the changing role of leisure over the past 30 years described the America of 1945 to 1960 as a nation dominated by the Protestant work ethic. Self-denial and hard work were expected to lead to prosperity. Devotion to home, the family and job was the rule.

Men worked a 50-hour week, took a two-week vacation in the summer and spent their leisure time with their families in self-improving ways.

During the 1960s and 1970s, America achieved unrivaled prosperity. Since it was no longer critical to work so hard, most Americans felt they could take time to fulfill themselves. The leisure ethic took the place of the work ethic, and people used credit to get what they desired as soon as possible. Leisure and recreation were no longer thought of as good things earned through hard work, but as a person's right. After all, the founding fathers had assured Americans of the right to pursue happiness, and happiness was to be found in leisure-time activities.

THE 1980s are considerably different from what Americans imagined this decade to be. The country is getting older, men and women are marrying later, and U.S. Census figures suggest that one out of every 10 people will not marry at all. More important still, although Americans have confidence in their nation's economic strength, they no longer believe that the United States dominates the world economy or is ever





**SANDS OF TIME** — Experts claim the work ethic has been replaced largely by a leisure ethic emphasizing family and friends.

likely to do so again. Families are adjusting their income expectations in line with a new realism based on their country's future in a more competitive world.

At the same time, Americans have had the opportunity to reconsider the social changes of the '60s and '70s, and they look upon such problems as divorce, loneliness, confusion over personal identity, and working parents with latchkey children as the sources of social stress that can be relieved in part by healthy and meaningful recreation. Some Americans may be turning to recreational sex and drugs with increasingly disastrous results, but most Americans instead are placing a new emphasis on home life, family and friendships.

"As the focus-on-self weakens, people feel the need for commitment not only to other people, but also to places, communities, regions and homes," said Yankelovich, Skelly and White. "There is now a desire for permanence, sometimes expressed by the wish to spend more time and money to

make the home a place where leisure time can be enjoyed." Whether at home or away, family togetherness in recreation has taken on new meaning. Pursuits that foster family life and give children an opportunity to develop responsibilities and make contributions to family happiness have taken the place of family recreation that was totally for

adults or indulged childish pleasures.

Travel remains one of America's favorite leisure activities, and outdoor pursuits such as RVs, tent camping, backpacking and hiking, canoeing, fishing and swimming are more popular than ever. Americans in the last decades of the century consider recreation as a way to physical and mental health, and social well-being.

Psychiatrist Dr. William Menninger pointed out that "mentally healthy people participate in some form of freely chosen activity to supplement their required daily work," and most people would consider his observation to be true. After a decade of social strain they find themselves agreeing with traditional goals for leisure.

In the new edition of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, first published in 1549, there is a petition, "*For the Good Use of Leisure*": "Oh, God, in the course of this busy life give us times of refreshment and peace, and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of Your creation." Few Americans would deny the spiritual value of well-spent

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**PAYING TO PLAY** — Americans spend \$255 billion annually on recreation.



**DOUBLING UP** — Americans, young and old, are blending leisure with fitness.

• No one disputes that we spend a considerable amount of time glued to the TV. But a new image is emerging—one of Americans on the move to the outdoors.



# How AMERICANS PLAY

**By Richard Dunlop**

**W**HEN a presidential commission last year asked a cross-section of Americans how they liked to spend their leisure time, almost everyone's answer included outdoor recreation.

The survey offered no major discovery in revealing that 29 percent of all Americans prefer to spend their leisure time in front of a TV set, but it did establish that all Americans are taking an active interest in outdoor recreation.

Survey data collected for the President's Commission on the American Outdoors complemented information gathered for a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau. In that study, Americans specified swimming and walking

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as their favorite outdoor pursuits. If we compare the latests results with those of an earlier Census Bureau study, interesting changes in America's recreational lifestyles are suggested.

"Most outdoor activities showed modest gains in participation since the 1960 survey," said Anita Clevenger of the National Park Service. "However, bicycling, camping and jogging rose from limited popularity to the status of major pursuits over the past two decades, and canoeing and snow skiing are becoming favorite pastimes as well."

The survey also established that the outdoor recreation patterns of the two sexes are remarkably similar, although men predominate in hunting, fishing and golf, and commit more time to outdoor pursuits.

Another study of Americans at play, in 1985 by the A.C. Nielsen Company, spelled out how camping has grown in popularity. In 1985, 61.6 million Americans went camping, a number expected to increase to 64.4 million per year by 1990. Spending the night in a tent or RV now exceeds in popularity such pursuits as bowling, boating, jogging, softball, tennis, skiing, hunting,

golf, ice skating, soccer, billiards and fitness exercises.

The President's Commission identified five reasons why Americans prefer active pastimes: they seek fitness through any kind of exercise that will help them lose weight, reduce stress and keep them healthy; they enjoy the social side of recreation with friends and family and state that fun and relaxation are paramount; they enjoy the excitement of competition and even risk and danger; they want to be alone and to experience nature; and they seek to escape a cramped home or community, or participate because everybody else is doing it. Most respondents also said they were looking for a change or something new to learn.

**T**HE Census Bureau study discovered that swimmers, who make up 43 percent of the population, cited fitness and being with friends and family as their reasons for being at the beach or pool. Fishermen, who make up 30 percent of the population, said they seek the peace and quiet of getting away from day-to-day routine, and the enjoyment of nature and the outdoors



**NO AGE LIMITS**—*Biking has surpassed bowling as America's second most favorite sport, with swimming ranking first.*

when they go fishing. A relatively small number claimed that actually catching the fish was what mattered. The 12 percent of Americans who hunt said they do so because they enjoy nature and the outdoors. Eighty-eight percent are men and boys who live mostly in small towns and the country. Instead of seeking companionship, 30 percent of hunters prefer to hunt alone, to get away from every-day living, and are more interested in the chase than in actually bagging their game.

**C**AMPERS have doubled in the past 20 years, and are among the most dedicated of outdoors enthusiasts. They, too, said they enjoy their favorite pursuit because it allows them to enjoy nature and get away from day-to-day tedium and pressures but, unlike hunters, they are particularly gregarious and like being with other campers. Backpackers, those hardy primitive campers who hike into the back country with their gear on their backs, are less gregarious than other campers. They are usually well-educated and young. Hikers, who make up 14 percent of the population, enjoy nature, solitude, getting away from it all and staying in shape.

The most popular forms of outdoor recreation, according to the President's Commission, are walking, 50 percent; driving, 43 percent; swimming, 43 percent; sightseeing, 34 percent; and picnicking, 23 percent. As discovered in earlier studies, men and women agree on most pursuits, but men put fishing in third place and did not place picnicking among the top five preferred activities.

Other recent studies have turned up curious details on Americans at play. The 1984 Gallup Leisure Activities Index reported that the average swimmer goes swimming 40 times a year and that Northerners are more likely to go swimming than Southerners. Skiers head for the wintry slopes an average of 14 times a season, golfers tee off 28 times a year and joggers run 67 times a year.

Gallup also made comparisons with earlier surveys from the 1970s. Of the top 10 sports in 1984, jogging, pool and billiards, and aerobics and calisthenics were not important a decade ago. Bowling, in sixth place in 1984, was second

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## "YOU ARE WHAT YOU PLAY"

**W**HEN an American uses his leisure time, he isn't just relaxing, he's making a statement about himself," said Jerry Ohlsten, a researcher whose recent report gave new insights into how Americans use their spare time.

Ohlsten, author of Mediamark Research, Inc.'s "Leisurestyles," said he believes "You are what you play."

"We examined hundreds of things people do when not sleeping, eating or working," he explained.

The information was put through a statistical analysis by computers to determine which activities had commonality and clustered together. Ohlsten classified people according to their diversions.

"Outdoor energetics enjoy such things as sailing, downhill skiing, tennis, backpacking, hiking and bicycling. These people are generally men and women residing in the most affluent suburban households."

His On-Your-Toes group is made up mostly of middle-income women who like skating, aerobics and health clubs, while his Surf-and-Turf crowd is men mostly 18 to middle age, who enjoy hunting, fishing and boating. Cerebrals play chess, checkers and backgammon. Creatives

are the painters, artists, woodworkers and photographers. The Home and Hearth folks are middle-aged, higher-income married women who like to entertain at home, barbecue, cook, read, listen to music, play cards and do crossword puzzles. The Gentle Pursuits, are upper middle-income people who collect coins, watch birds, arrange flowers and garden.

Ohlsten said that he is intrigued by the regional differences that emerged in grouping Americans into their pastime preferences.

"The Energetics are a phenomenon on the West and East coasts," he said. "The creative types with which I personally empathize, I'm happy to say, are spread evenly throughout the country and every age group."

But Ohlsten was appalled to learn that about half of all Americans fit into what he calls the Passive Group. They have few or no leisure-time pursuits. Half of them have not finished high school.

"Their horizons have not opened up, and they represent a national deficit in living," he said. "Their interests have not developed. Since they are so inactive, they also may very likely have obesity and poor health as a problem." □



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ITH all sides conceding that the use of nuclear weapons might quickly lead to global cataclysm, the odds are that any major U.S.-Soviet conflict would be a massive conventional clash similar to World War II. If such a conventional war could be compared to a huge chess game, it is the skillful manipulation and control of choke points—strategically located bodies of water—that may well determine whether America declares, or succumbs to, checkmate.

At the heart of this reality is Moscow's revamped naval philosophy. Where the Soviets once tended to concentrate on defending their homeland, they now favor deploying vessels and armadas with long-strike capability. Since 1982, when comments by then Soviet Chief of Staff Nikolai Ogarkov signaled a movement toward marine warfare, the primary Soviet naval journal, *Morskoy Sbornik (Naval Digest)*, has carried major articles on war against the sea lanes. Soviet forces now concentrate on exercises that mimic our own—obviously they are trying to find holes in U.S. strategy. The result is that the Soviet Navy is increasingly capable of sustaining distant operations, and for the first time in history, the Soviets have a large-deck carrier under construction.

Areas where strategic strangleholds may be applied by one side or the other are scattered across the globe; the current administration recently pinpointed no fewer than 15 of them. The Navy is reluctant to rank choke points in order of importance, but several emerge as being vital.

Paramount is the so-called GIUK Gap—the body of water along an imaginary line connecting Greenland, Iceland and the United Kingdom. In a crisis, one of the first U.S. moves would be to dispatch the 2nd Fleet to a point somewhere northeast of this threshold to bottle up Soviet seagoing forces near the Barents Sea.

Another mission of the fleet would be to protect our NATO ally Norway, which, former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman said, "We are pledged to defend just as if it were Long Island." Of even greater strategic importance, however, would be to prevent the

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# GUARDING OUR VITAL SEA LANES

*Many Americans have never heard of Lombok, Sunda and GIUK Gap. Yet they are among the maritime choke points vital to the defense of the United States and its allies.*

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**By Steve Salerno**

Soviets from reaching the open waters and imperiling the *absolutely indispensable* sea lanes between the United States and Western Europe, known as the "Atlantic Bridge."

"Ninety-five percent of the tonnage necessary for the defense of Europe still has to travel by sea in any conflict," said Lehman. For this reason, he stressed, we must be prepared to sail directly into the teeth of the Soviet naval power and keep them at bay. A fringe benefit of meeting the Soviets at the North Cape is that much of their aerial strength would have to be diverted north, thus minimizing their opportunity to unleash a blitzkrieg assault on Central Europe.

OUR strategy in the Pacific region is less precisely localized, but equally vital. Though the Soviet Pacific fleet is distributed between two icy and inhospitable ports, Vladivostok and Petropavlovsk, the fall of Vietnam also gave Moscow Cam Ranh Bay, a formidable warm-water staging area. Pentagon analysts point out that Cam Ranh Bay sits astride a trio of major Asian choke points: Lombok, Sunda and the Straits of Malacca. Through these three vulnerable targets, our Pacific allies receive half their oil and about 80 percent of their strategic materials. In addition, Cam Ranh Bay serves as a watch tower over the Pacific; bombers from the Cam Ranh vicinity can hit us as far away as Guam.

This is not our only concern in the region. North of Indochina are the

Korea Straits. As gateway to Japan, Korea and the Philippines, this passage must be held if we are to protect our \$30-billion trade interests in the Orient.

Aware that its naval strength in this arena is considered suspect, Moscow has made upgrading of its Pacific capabilities a top priority. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger noted after a mammoth 1985 Soviet exercise that the Soviets were "adding enormously to their naval and air strength in the whole region." Never before have our Philippine bases at Clark and Subic Bay assumed such critical significance. At the same time, our 7th Fleet sits poised for action in the waters of the China Sea and the Sea of Japan.

The Strait of Gibraltar, recognized as a vital choke point in the earliest days of Britain's supremacy on the high seas, remains no less important today. To protect the Suez Canal and the entire Mediterranean area, the Navy's 6th Fleet would have to hold off Soviet sub patrols at Gibraltar or block their entry from the Black Sea, where the Kremlin now maintains continuous naval presence. On the opposite side of Saudi Arabia is the oil-rich Persian Gulf, an area of such importance, despite its small size, that we now have elements of our busy 7th Fleet on constant vigil there as well.

A relatively new threat is Moscow's growing access to air and naval facilities in Africa. The Soviets' foothold in Afghanistan, combined with the cooperation of such clients as Ethiopia





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and South Yemen, solidifies their posture in the Indian Ocean. In addition, Cuban-supported Angola provides the Kremlin with an outpost on Africa's Atlantic coast. Between the two coastal positions, the Soviet Union is capable

of disrupting critical shipments from OPEC countries to Western Europe, especially since supertankers are unable to travel through the Suez Canal and must take the long route around the cape.

**ON THE LINE** — *The U.S. Navy strategy of forward deployment is designed to defend or assault the choke points.*

Closer to home, between Cuba and Key West, are the Florida Straits. A significant amount of tonnage plods through this waterway en route to Europe from Texas and New Orleans. Cuba's advanced submarine fleet could play havoc with maritime activity at the outbreak of hostilities. Shifting trends in the import of oil—away from the Mideast, toward the Western Hemisphere—further heighten the importance of the Caribbean.

**A**MERICA'S need to defend or assault such choke points on short notice has spawned the strategy of forward deployment. In this scenario, naval forces, rather than being held back close to home in a defensive posture, are stationed well out toward enemy territory, where they are prepared to seize the initiative.

"In the era of violent peace," former Chief of Naval Operations James D. Watkins said, referring to today's climate of continual skirmishes, "the Navy is on the frontlines already, and will be for the foreseeable future."

Forward deployment is a higher risk proposition than laying back, said another Navy source, "but one we almost have to take based on the importance of the Atlantic Alliance. Cer-

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## MARITIME CHOKES POINTS







**NATURAL PALS** — Many U.S. social groups have discovered the value of bringing the young and old together.

# I Love You, Grandpa

By William Eberle

**A** SIGN posted on the shore of the lake in Bays Mountain Park at Kingsport, Tenn., reads, "Fishing prohibited except for those 16 and under, or over 60."

"Isn't this an example of prejudice?" a visitor asked park director Tom Bowens.

"Not so," he replied. "I simply have noticed how well these two age groups get along together."

Almost always there is a special affinity between grandparents and

grandchildren, and yet in this day of fragmented families, working mothers and latchkey children, this warm and loving relationship often has been allowed to wither away. To many of today's children, grandparents are at best an occasional voice on the far end of a long-distance telephone line.

"The wish has been that we're going to find mechanisms to unite children and the elderly," said Edward Zigler, director of the Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University. "The reality is quite different."

This failure to bring the old and the young together in meaningful ways becomes particularly critical when a

Louis Harris and Associates poll reports that nearly three out of four Americans think that childhood has become troublesome.

At the same time, many grandparents feel increasingly unwanted, isolated and cut off from their own families. Two young visitors to Sun City, Ariz., where children are restricted, played catch with a Frisbee in the street in front of their grandparents' home. They whooped with glee and performed arabesques of happiness in pursuit of the flying saucer. Elderly neighbors came out to stare. They watched with joy on their faces, much like campers on a cold day holding their hands out to a warming fire.

If the reaction of these Sun City residents is any gauge, it should not come as a surprise that a new initiative by elderly people is developing across the nation to create inter-generational relationships.

"If we can't enjoy our own grand kids," said one Florida grandmother, "we can enjoy somebody else's, and both we and the kids will be much happier for it."

National organizations such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program are

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working to bring the old and young together, but the most original and successful programs have been created at the grassroots level.

In Chicago's Uptown neighborhood a latchkey kid picked up his phone when he returned home from school. He dialed and said, "Grandma, please." His call was patched into the home phone of a volunteer grandma or grandpa, who was ready to talk to him.

"My mom's working, I'm home alone and I'm scared," confided the child.

The listening grandparent, who is at least 55 years old and often homebound by disabilities, had quick words of assurance. Trained by the Uptown Center Hull House, the volunteer knew just what to say.

"It's a reassurance hotline," explained Darcy Ehrman, Senior Project director at the Center. "Our grandmas and grandpas are instructed to make the child feel that he's a good person, an important person, and he's doing fine."

**O**FTEN a youngster forms a telephone friendship with an elderly listener, and on future calls he may ask for "Grandma Belle" or "Grandpa Charlie." Some popular telephone grandparents receive a dozen calls after school hours. Often the young caller simply wants to brag.

"Hi, Grandma! We won the ball game!" whooped an 11-year-old boy. In the next breath he added, "Tell me a story."

Often the kids end their phone call with, "I love you, Grandma" or "Grandpa."

With an estimated 7 million latchkey children living in the United States, where 63 percent of mothers with children under 18 work, Chicago's Hull House and other such programs can make a difference. Many of the grandparents who answer the Hull House telephone live in the nearby Admiral Retirement Home.

"We have a room-bound woman whose only link to the outside world is her calls from latchkey kids," said Dianne Smith of the retirement home staff. "She never had any children herself, but now she knows it is never too late to have kids. They give her a purpose to wake up in the morning."

Most inter-generational relationships between the young and the old are spontaneous. The Texas chapter of the Good Sam Club, made up of recreational ve-

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hicle owners, annually takes young cancer patients at the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston to a summer camp or a fishing tournament. Typically, 76-year-old William Zitnan, Arlington Heights, Ill., can't walk into church or a store without a small child crying out, "Hi, Grandpa Bill." Once a week he reads stories to the children at his town's Westgate School.

"One of the things you don't think of when you are young is the joy of being a grandfather," explained the retired plant supervisor.

Other programs are national in scope. From Pittsburgh to Palo Alto, Calif., the Vermont-based National Gardening Association sponsors Roots and Shoots gardens. The roots are the old people and the shoots, the kids; and they work together to raise vegetables and flowers.

"Boys and girls, the snails have won the battle in bed No. 1," announced an elderly volunteer as the kids arrived at the garden of Proctor and Gamble

heiress Elizabeth F. Gamble in Palo Alto. "But the strawberries are doing well, the lettuce is ready for picking and the peas have shot up several inches since last week." The kids' spirits, at first dashed by the victorious snails, soared at the success of the strawberries, lettuce and peas.

Molly Brown of the Garden Center was the catalyst in bringing together the young and old gardeners.

"I had worked a lot with seniors," she said, "and thought it was too bad they couldn't share their skills. I also knew that children have a fascination with growing things. I really had two purposes for the inter-generational garden: sharing the joy and knowledge of gardening and giving children positive attitudes toward aging."

There are 150 other Roots and Shoots gardens throughout America. One of the most successful is in Pittsburgh. Cub Scout Pack 327 and seniors from the Baldwin Residential Care Facility farm an 8-foot by 16-foot garden plot. The youngest shoot in the program is 9 years old, and the oldest root is 92.

"The Boy Scouts of America is dedicated to its inter-generational operation," observed Bruce Ayars, coordinator of family programs for the Scouts. "We commend it to others."

The Camp Fire Girls organization promotes an inter-generational program called Friendship Across the Ages. "Young people gain a sense of history from those who lived it," stated the

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**MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL** — Surrogate grandparenting is becoming popular among senior citizens who have no grandchildren of their own.



# THE MARSHALL PLAN

# Peace, Plenty And Freedom

By Harold E. Stassen

**F**ORTY years ago on June 5, 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall delivered a speech that launched a bold new plan to rebuild the war-torn world. Two weeks earlier, I had actually had the privilege of testing public reaction to such a plan when I spoke at an American Legion-sponsored community celebration at Jefferson, Iowa.

The speech was a major address on our nation's postwar foreign policy, and I advocated a very substantial American long-term program to rebuild the war-torn world, and for America to continue its military preparedness.

Here, in part, is what I told the gathering:

"Our entire approach to the worldwide and domestic situation now after the war must be constructive and not negative. We must seek to build up, and not merely block or contain or oppose. We must also think in big terms to win this postwar struggle for peace and plenty and freedom..."

"I believe that for the next 10 years we should devote 10 percent of our total national production of goods and foods—not our gross national product—to build worldwide peace and plenty and freedom. It should not be a sharpster lending program. It should not be a light-headed giveaway program. It should be a practical, sound, long-



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**WAR AND PEACE**—Marshall earned the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize for his plan to rebuild postwar Europe.

visioned, business-like approach to the situation that exists in the world today, and to what we can foresee in the years ahead.

"Coupled with the maintenance of a modern American defense force, we can well afford such a program. In fact, we cannot afford not to engage in such a program."

In the days following the speech I attended conferences with Secretary Marshall and senators of both political parties, including Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan and Sen. Tom Connally of Texas. I had worked close with these senators when we were appointed by President Roosevelt and reappointed by President Truman to an eight-man panel to draft, negotiate and sign the original U.N. Charter in 1945 in San Francisco.

On June 5, during a commencement address at Harvard University, Secretary Marshall, former Chief of Staff of

the Army, proposed the Marshall Plan for rebuilding Europe. I immediately supported his proposal. On June 13, Vandenberg called for vigorous bipartisan support of the Marshall Plan; and on Oct. 28, Sen. Robert A. Taft came out in opposition to the plan.

During this period the cynics, doubters, negators and Armageddonites predicted an inevitable third world war in 20 or 25 years, and they were anticipating communist takeovers of most of Western Europe within a decade.

I respect, and have always respected, the sincerity of the views and opinions expressed by all sides of the political spectrum. But I hold that the 40 years of





**HUMANE**—Two years after the Allied Powers defeated Germany in WWII, Americans sacrificed at the dinner table to feed soup lines in Hamburg.

history now provide powerful confirmation that the Marshall Plan, the U.N. and an alert, powerful, nuclear-armed America are the three essential reasons why we have not had a third world war. Instead we have gradually expanded human freedom in the world and have witnessed a slow but significant departure from the extremes of the communist-socialist system, especially by Yugoslavia and China, and to some small degree by the Soviet Union itself.

During the Eisenhower administration, when the Marshall Plan was implemented, one of the most dramatic and significant chapters in the recovery program occurred in Berlin in 1953. Amid reports of extreme food shortages in East Germany, administration aides were divided on what action the United States should take. After listening to

different recommendations, Eisenhower decided to implement the basic humanitarian approach to the problem.

We then proceeded to make available in West Berlin 50-pound paper sacks full of nutritious American surplus foods, imprinted with the Stars and Stripes label and the symbol of clasped hands of friendship. We announced that the food was free to every East German who presented identification. The East Germans came across by the thousands to pick up and carry back the sacks of American food. While they were in West Berlin, they stood for hours talking with West Berliners in what appeared to be a veritable German People's Convention.

When those food distribution days ended, the communist infiltration of labor unions in the Ruhr and other parts

of West Germany evaporated, and the Soviet Union began to withdraw the heavy armament from the East German divisions. To this day, the Soviets do not and cannot rely on East German divisions for any action against American armed forces.

What happened in Berlin in 1953 was a powerful example of superb results from genuine American humanitarian action that was taken in accord with our most fundamental concepts.

As I think of the next 40 years—the next two generations—I would like to see a better U.N. established: one with respect for national sovereignty; an effective force against terrorism; with new methods of reaching peaceful solutions to controversies; with sensible voting and financial arrangements; and one with a general framework for the future competition of social, economic and political systems without war.

The American Legion, which I have been a member of for 40 years, has the credentials—in its representation of those millions who have honorably served America—to take crucial leadership for vital objectives of our beloved country, and for all humanity on this earth, under God. □

## A GIFT: NO STRINGS ATTACHED

**B**ETWEEN 1948 and 1952, when the European Recovery Program—the Marshall Plan—was formally in operation, Congress authorized \$13.3 billion for goods, materials and technical assistance to help get Europe back on its economic feet.

Countries receiving U.S. aid were: Iceland, \$29.3 million; Ireland, \$147.5 million; United Kingdom, \$3.19 billion; Belgium-Luxembourg, \$559.3 million; Portugal, \$51.2 million; France, \$2.7 billion;

Italy, \$1,508.8 billion; Free Republic of Germany, \$1.46 billion; Austria, \$677.8 million; Greece, \$706.7 million; Turkey, \$225.1 million; The Netherlands, \$1.08 billion; Denmark, \$273 million; Norway, \$255.3 million and Sweden, \$107.3 million.

The Marshall Plan created a sense of good feeling among Europeans toward the United States, contributing to the Western military alliance and helping to make the United States leader of the free world.



**C**hanges benefiting veterans. When three general categories of eligibility for VA medical care were established in April 1986, most veterans receiving disability compensation were inadvertently not included in the highest priority category—those veterans to whom the VA “shall” furnish care. Public Law 99-576 has changed this by placing those veterans in the higher eligibility category, retroactive to April 7, 1986, when the Means Test and Third Party Reimbursement were enacted into law.

Another change involved non-service-connected veterans receiving VA inpatient medical care. Non-service-connected veterans with incomes in excess of threshold limits had to agree to pay copayments equal to the Medicare deductible during each of four 90-day billing cycles (360 days) and for the 5-day billing cycle at the end of any 365-calendar-day period. Now the law limits total copayments to an amount equal to four times the inpatient Medicare deductible during any 365-calendar-day period, thus eliminating the additional 5-day billing cycle.

The VA is amending its medical regulations to conform to the changes.

**E**levating the VA administrator to cabinet-level status is receiving widespread support on Capitol Hill. Both the House and Senate have introduced legislation to upgrade the VA to a department and its administrator to a cabinet position.

House legislation H.R. 1707 was introduced by Rep. Gerald Solomon of New York, ranking minority member of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, and is cosponsored by committee chairman, Rep. G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery of Mississippi, and Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt of Arkansas, former ranking minority member of the committee.

The bipartisan measure would add little or no cost to the federal treasury, according to its supporters. “A new chair for the cabinet room is about all that will be required,” Montgomery said.

In the Senate, similar legislation was being cosponsored by Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska and Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina.

Legion Res. 487 supports the legislation, and states in part that the American Legion believes there should be a clear channel through which the administrator of veterans affairs can regularly support facts and counsel to the President, and in return, receive the President’s guidance and support.

Some of the reasons supporters of the legislation gave for upgrading the agency included:

- The VA is larger than most of the departments, including State, Labor, Commerce and Transportation.
- The VA ranks second only to the DoD in number of employees, with 244,000.
- The VA administers the largest health-care system in the free world.
- The VA administers GI education programs that interact with nearly every institution of higher education in the nation.

Speculating on the legislation’s chances of clearing Congress, Montgomery said “it will take a little convincing, but

if veterans and the groups that represent them speak out, it can be done.”

“American veterans have earned the right to be heard at the highest levels of the American government,” Montgomery and Solomon told members of the House in a letter.

Speaking to the Senate, Murkowski said, “Although the VA’s high standards of service have not changed, the range of services offered, and the logistics of administering those services, have expanded almost exponentially.”

**A**id to homeless veterans is included in H.R. 558. The rule cleared the Senate in April and was sent to a conference committee to iron out differences in the House and Senate versions before being enacted. The bill addresses the housing, health, employment and nutritional needs of the nation’s growing number of homeless people, from 30 percent to 50 percent of them veterans. When the Senate passed its version, it added an amendment that included the contents of a bill introduced by Sen. Alan Cranston of California, chairman of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee. Cranston’s bill pertained specifically to homeless veterans’ assistance and would require the VA to evaluate its use of cost-saving methods to ensure that veterans with chronic mental illness are not discharged from VA facilities prematurely. This provision is in direct response to American Legion charges that the VA, in an attempt to save money, was adding to the homeless veteran population by releasing chronically ill patients early.

**R**eimbursed travel is a thing of the past for most veterans receiving health care at VA medical centers. In an effort to cut costs, the VA eliminated most travel pay, effective last April 13. Before the change, veterans received 11 cents per mile, or bus fare for round-trip travel to VA hospitals. Under the new regulations, the VA will pay only for emergency transportation, transfers between health-care facilities, special transportation such as ambulances and wheelchair vans, travel for compensation and pension examinations, and travel beyond a 100-mile radius of the nearest VA medical facility. The travel reimbursement would only cover those miles beyond the 100-mile radius for one-way trips and miles over 200 for round trips. For example, a veteran who traveled 120 miles one way would receive 11 cents per mile for 20 miles. The same veteran would receive 11 cents per mile for 40 miles on a round trip.

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45-54	35,420	30,360	25,300	20,240	15,180	10,120	5,060	2,530
55-59	19,320	16,560	13,800	11,040	8,280	5,520	2,760	1,380
60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
65-69	8,050	6,900	5,750	4,600	3,450	2,300	1,150	575
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# Congress Opposes Cuts In VA Health Care

**C**ONGRESS has signaled the administration that it will not go along with budget proposals to reduce VA health care for veterans.

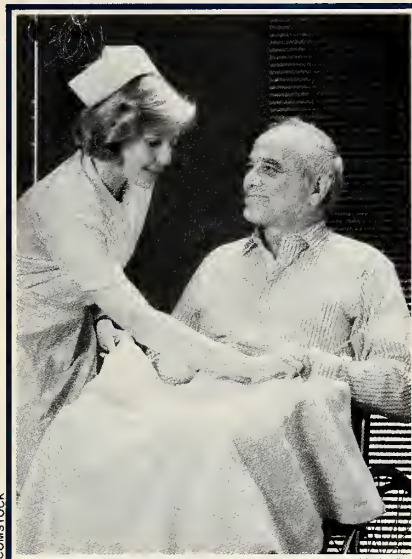
Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 27, which expressed the sense of Congress to oppose any reductions in the VA's capacity to provide health care to eligible veterans. While the resolution does not carry the full force of law, it makes clear the intent of Congress to preserve full funding for VA health-care programs.

As THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE went to press, the Senate and the House Veterans Affairs committees had recommended increases in the administration's FY '88 VA budget to their respective budget committees.

The House committee proposed a VA budget for FY '88 that is \$686 million more than the administration submitted. The committee's overall budget request for the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 was \$26.6 billion, an amount that parallels last year's spending after the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget plan became effective. Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi, the committee chairman, said the committee's proposed budget increase would be necessary just to maintain VA's current medical services and keep other programs afloat. "What we have proposed is realistic and fair," he said. "We have not included any major expansion or new programs."

## HEALTH CARE

A number of the administration's fiscal proposals were firmly rejected by the House committee, particularly in health care. Heading the list was a plan that would eliminate health-care funding for Category C veterans—those with non-service-connected conditions who are provided VA medical care on a space-available basis. These veterans are subject to a means test and if their annual incomes exceed \$20,261 (single)



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or \$25,326 (married), they must make a co-payment equal to the current Medicare deductible of \$520.

Committee members said that cutting funds for Category C veterans would hamper the VA's ability to care for all veterans, an argument Legion spokesmen have also set forth in testimony before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees. It has been estimated that eliminating funding for the care of those veterans would deny treatment to about 13,500 veterans in VA hospitals and reduce outpatient visits by up to 113,000. The house committee's budget proposal maintains funding for Category C veterans.

## PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS

Administration plans to cut about 3,800 people from the VA payroll have been soundly opposed by Congress. The House proposal would eliminate the staff reductions scheduled for next year and the Senate committee proposes to go one step further, recommending not only to maintain current force levels, but also to add nearly 2,000 more jobs.

The VA said the reductions were necessary because the patient load was decreasing while staff productivity was improving. The Legion has challenged those claims in testimony before both Veterans Affairs committees. "Further reductions in staffing will only result in irreparable damage to the entire VA system," a Legion spokesman said. "This is just another example of how VA medical care has become the primary target for effecting savings."

## HOME LOAN PROGRAM

One of the more controversial plans of the administration was to increase the home-loan user fee to 2.5 percent from its current 1 percent rate. VA officials said the increase was needed to keep the program solvent, but both committees disagreed. "The responsible oversight committees in the Congress agreed with us that charging veterans further for an earned benefit is counterproductive and just plain wrong," Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean said, pointing out that the Legion is opposed to any user fee. The Legion said the hike in the user's fee would prevent many veterans, especially first-time buyers and military families, from owning their own homes. Under the current fee, a veteran needs to put \$800 up front for a VA loan on an \$80,000 home. The proposed increase, however, would require an advance of \$2,000 for the same home. Congressional sources said the chances of the user-fee increase passing Congress are slim to none. The Legion also opposes VA recommendations that veterans themselves negotiate loans with bankers.

## OTHER BENEFITS

The House committee sided with the White House in its plans to provide a 3.5 percent cost-of-living allowance for veterans receiving VA disability compensation. The compensation is paid to veterans who have suffered an injury or illness while serving on active duty.

The Senate committee approved funding for substantial expansions of

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## THE LEGION ON CAPITOL HILL

**D**URING hearings of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care, March 11, Legion spokesmen testified on the VA's plans for construction in FY '88. The Legion urged funding of construction sufficient for the VA to maintain its capital plant and prevent further deterioration of several of its facilities. The Legion also voiced its opposition to VA plans to close the outpatient clinic in New Bedford, Mass. The following day the VA announced it would keep the clinic open.

On March 13, before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, Legion testimony was offered on the current tax-exempt status of veterans organizations under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Legion argued that the current law regarding the separate tax exempt status of veterans' organizations should be retained. Under the Internal Revenue Code, veterans' organizations are classed separately from other charitable organizations, allowing them to retain tax exempt status while carrying out lobbying activities.

In hearings before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, March 19, the Legion testified in favor of legislation to allow veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during nuclear tests to sue federal contractors involved in the tests.

Affected veterans had a right to sue for negligence until 1984 when an obscure amendment attached to a defense authorization bill removed that right.

As a result, all of the then-pending cases were thrown out of court. Current remedial legislation before the House would correct the problem for those veterans.



Maryagnes Barbieri

## Oratorical Winner Earns \$16,000 Prize

**M**ARYAGNES Barbieri, sponsored by Cyril P. Morrisette Post 294 of West Quincy, Mass., won the 1987 American Legion High School Oratorical Championship.

Barbieri took the \$16,000 first-place prize at the contest finals held in Lee's Summit, Mo., in April.

Barbara J. Poepsel, sponsored by Roy Chopek Post 17, Iowa City, Iowa, earned \$14,000 for second place. Third-place prize of \$10,000 went to David M. Dromsky, sponsored by Jack C. Fortune Post 205, Augusta, Ga. Cherie Suzanne Harder, the 1986 American Legion Girls Nation president, won fourth place and an \$8,000 prize. Harder was sponsored by Frank G. Frainier Post 90 of Los Alamos, N.M.

## Study On Viet Vets Needs Participants

**R**ESearchers will probe the psychological and readjustment problems faced by Vietnam combat veterans in a survey soon to be launched by the VA.

Survey interviewers will question a selected, large group of veterans over the next several months. The interviews will examine virtually every aspect of the participants' lives before, during and after the war. Questions also will focus on problems veterans have faced since the war and how they were handled.

The average interview will take about five hours and participating veterans will be paid for their time.

The VA decided that an in-depth study was needed to further understand post-traumatic stress syndrome, a condition previously labeled acute shell shock and combat fatigue. While much has been learned about the disorder in recent years, many unanswered questions remain that make the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD difficult, VA officials said. The name of the project is the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study.

"For the findings of this scientific study to be valid, a high rate of participation of veterans is absolutely necessary," a Legion spokesman said. "Department officers and other Legion officials are encouraged to tell their constituents just how vital this survey is and what it means to veterans."

## Better Times Refunds Due

**D**URING 1985, a number of Legionnaires and American Legion Auxiliary members subscribed to *Better Times* magazine. Litigation followed when *Better Times* failed to continue to publish. Now the Legion has obtained a \$9 partial refund of the subscription price for the benefit of each subscriber. The lawsuit is continuing in an attempt to recover the balance.

People who have corresponded

with the National Judge Advocate on this matter should have received a letter about their refunds. If no letter was received or no claim has yet been filed, subscribers should write to: National Judge Advocate, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Please enclose a copy of the canceled check (front and back) and a copy of any other correspondence or documentation of the subscription.



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Telling students about the realities of war... saying thanks to a good friend... carrying out projects amidst civil strife... correcting an oversight.

**A**tlantic City, N.J., high school students were brought a little closer to the realities of war, thanks to four Legionnaires of Nabb-Leslie Post 82.

The veterans, representing four wars, told their war stories to 150 U.S. His-



tory students at Millville High at the request of their teacher, George C. Loper. Loper said the talks helped the students gain an increased sense of citizenship responsibilities and a better understanding of the nation's role in world affairs.

The Legionnaires (from left) are Fred Rechsteiner (WWII), Jake Bruckler (Korea), Tony Charlesworth (Vietnam) and Herb Vanaman (WWI).

**C**oors support for Owen Coffman Post 519 programs was recognized in Palm Springs, Calif., with a post-sponsored golf outing, barbeque and dance



for employees of Mercier Distributing Company. Post Cmdr. Ray Burkett (left) said the post wanted to show its appreciation to Coors and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mercier and their employees for aiding the post scholarship fund and area veterans.

**F**or the 350 members of Adm. Arthur Spring Post 4, Olongapo City, Philippines, it was business as usual despite the civil strife that rocked the country during the 1986 revolution and elections this year.

The post and Auxiliary carried on their normal projects, collecting and distributing supplies for schools and day-care centers, entertaining patients at the Manila veterans hospital and working to benefit their community.



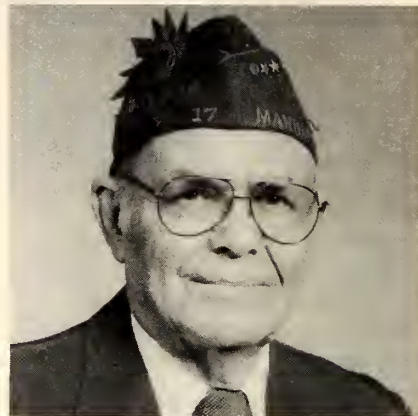
The Philippine flag (above), books, vegetable seeds and educational materials were among items the post and Auxiliary donated to Subic Elementary School in 1986 as part of the "Student Growth" program.

**M**embers of Charles and Martin Skubic Post 524 and the Art Council of Forest City, Pa., have corrected an oversight that had escaped city residents for years.

The Legion post and the council co-sponsored a project to design and erect a memorial to Forest City's young men who were killed in Korea and Vietnam.

Local veterans helped select the design, while city residents, civic and veterans organizations donated funds for the memorial—a bronze plaque depicting a soldier kneeling beside the names of the city's Korea and Vietnam war dead. The plaque was mounted to an existing memorial that honors veterans of both world wars, thus creating one monument for all Forest City's veterans.

## LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



*Les Wickham*

**C**ALLING Les Wickham a workaholic would be an understatement, because the Pearce-Keller Post 17 "Legionnaire of the Year for 1986" just never stops forging ahead.

Since joining the Manhattan, Kan., post in 1944, he has worked tirelessly in administration, membership recruiting and Legion programs.

Not only has he served two terms as post commander and 12 years on the executive board, but also he has lent his talents to post remodeling projects and anything else needing repairs.

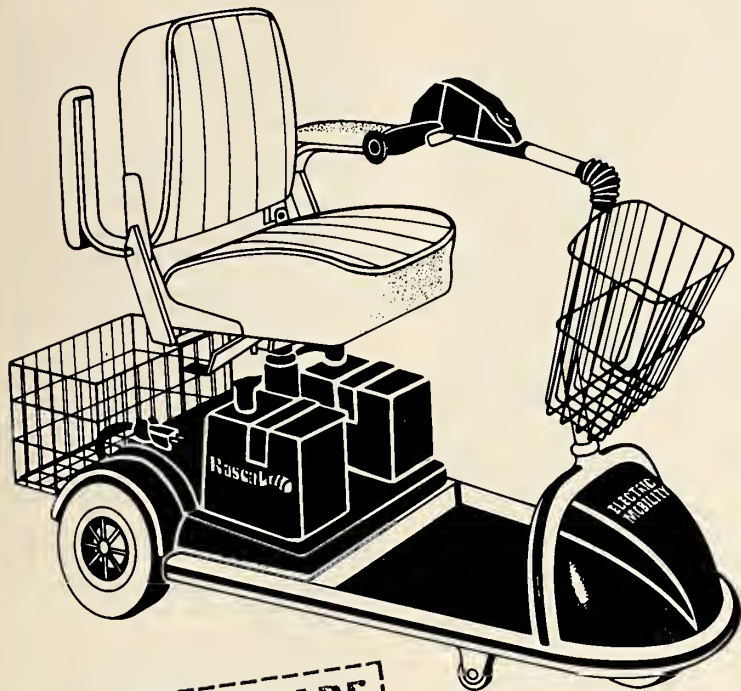
"If we talked only about his competence as an administrator and public speaker, we would be neglecting his consistent dedication to the Legion and the post in other matters," said Post Cmdr. Edwin C. Steuart. "For 42 years, whenever the post has needed work done, Wickham has been the first one there and the last one to leave."

In the 1940s and 1950s, he was baseball commissioner, coached the post's baseball team and ran post bingos. He has furnished materials and labor for building a shed, paving the parking lot, providing grounds maintenance and planting 100 evergreens on post property. He was on committees to buy post homes in 1953 and 1963 and, in 1966, helped raise \$31,000 for a new roof.

"He doesn't know how to loaf, so we know whatever needs to be done will be done by Les, or under his supervision," said Steuart. □



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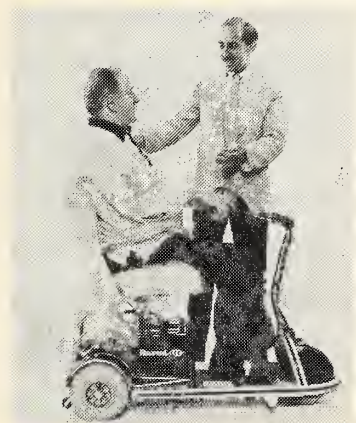
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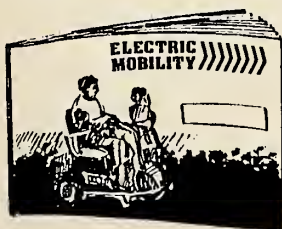
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- 120th Ord. Co. MM** (Oct-New Orleans) Merrill Smith, 917 Sena Dr., Metairie, LA 70005 (504) 834-7870
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- 137th Ord. HMFA Co. (Sept-France, Germany)** (Oct-Birmingham, AL) Ben Heaton, 221 Evelyn St., Marietta, GA 30060 (404) 427-1939
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- 157th Inf. Assn.** (Sept-Chicago) Felix Sparks, 7900 W. 23rd Ave., Denver, CO 80215 (303) 233-2369
- 164th Engr. Bn. & Filler Personnel (Active Duty, Oct-1961)** (July-Minot, ND) Sam Maragos, Box 288, Minot, ND 58701
- 169th Cannon Co.** (Aug-Wisconsin Dells, WI) Earl Trep-tow, 206 DeKorra Ln., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 (608) 254-4066
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- 183rd Medical Bn.** (Sept-Reading, PA) Robert Osborne, 105 Woodland Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219 (315) 468-2813
- 183rd Signal Repair Co.** (Sept-Port Washington, WI) Wilfred Maechtle, 673 N. Holden, Port Washington, WI 53074 (414) 284-4075
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- 190th F.A. Grp. Assn. (WWII)** (July-Williamsport, PA) Wes Duttlinger, Box 111, Sunbury, PA 17801 (717) 286-2708
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- 193rd Gen. Hospital** (Sept-Pittsburgh) Dorothy Murphy, 6253 24th St. So. #178, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 (813) 866-9551
- 203rd Gen. Hospital (ETO)** (Oct-Rochester, NY) Pete Shumacher, 77 Castle Acres, Webster, NY 14580 (716) 671-2222
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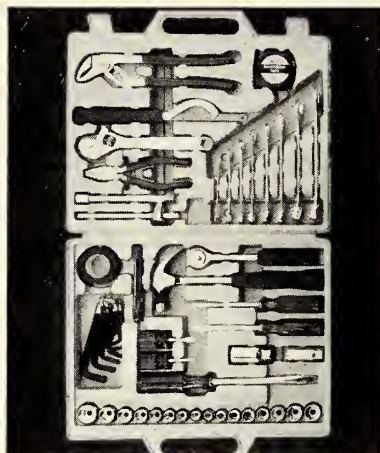
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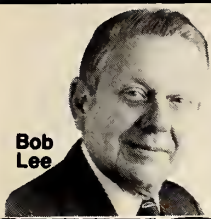
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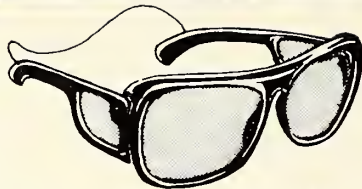
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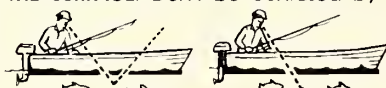
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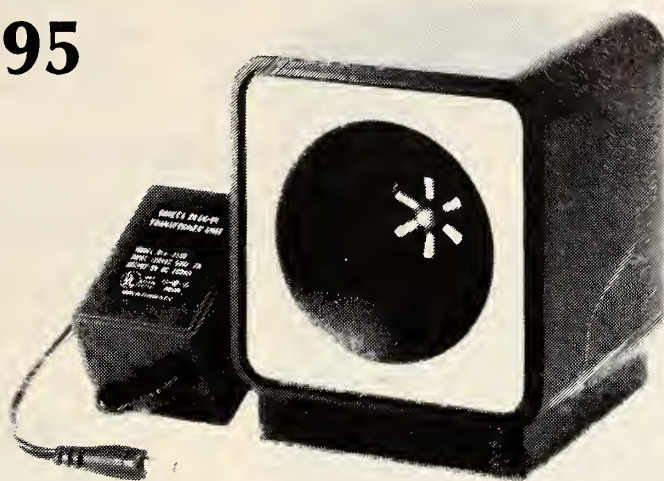
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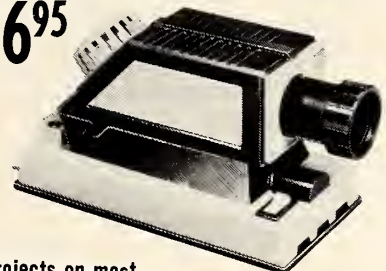
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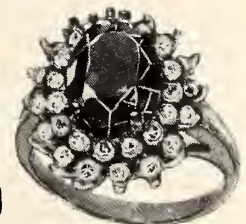
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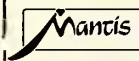
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C Co., 74th Combat Engr. Bn. Duane Arnold Hoffman needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at North of Seoul, Korea, in July 1953, he injured his back carrying logs. Contact CID 1107

397th Base Hq., Air Base Sq., Aleutian Islands. Bernard B. Cave needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Umnak, Aleutian Islands, in 1943, he injured his back when he fell off a truck (resulted in a slipped disc). Contact CID 1109

946th QM Salv. Rep. Co. Irvine M. Tuttle is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Warren, WY on June 4, 1944, he suffered a back injury during a company sponsored football game. Contact CID 1110

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Silver-haired Evelyn Echols, a Chicago social leader, at first glance would appear to be the last person to bring generations together at the House of Good Shepherd girls reformatory for teen-age prostitutes and shoplifters. The girls jibed at her when she entered their lounge.

"Teach us how to travel," one said. Echols did exactly that and went on to found the Echols International Travel Training School, one of the most highly regarded in the field. She remembers one of her first young inmate friends.

"Let me ask you, dearie," said the girl. "Can you travel to New York and

Los Angeles with five cents in your pocket?"

"No," admitted Echols.

"I did. Sit down. I'll tell you about the travel business."

Echols' inter-generational encounters with teen-age girls have had their poignant moments, but they cannot compare with the bittersweet duties of

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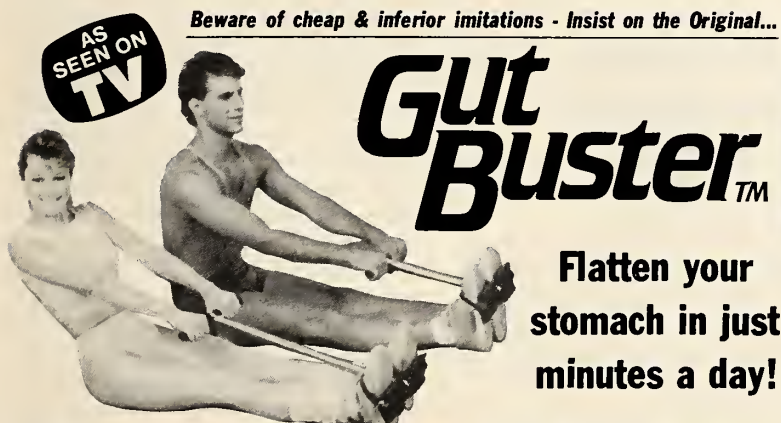
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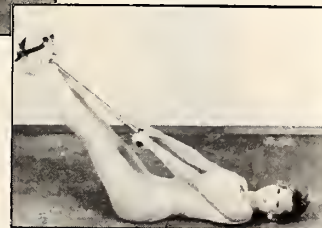
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## INNER NEEDS

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leisure time, particularly in the out-of-doors.

It should come as no surprise that Americans yearly spend a whopping \$255 billion on recreation and recreational products. This amounts to \$1 in every \$9 spent by a typical household. To get their money's worth, Americans expect recreation to exercise their creativity, improve their problem-solving capabilities, test their adaptability to challenging circumstances and provide new perspectives on their lives. They expect to return to their jobs with a greater ability to do their work.

Three years ago my photographer-wife Joan and I made a four-month, 16,000-mile coast-to-coast RV trip through the United States to study changing American lifestyles and how they affected leisure-time use. We found that people have become activists in their use of leisure. Ten years ago, on a similar but shorter trip through the South, we camped our RV at Cumberland Gap National Park. The rangers had invited a mountain fiddler to the park to play, and a ranger went through the campground to let people know that he would be performing at a campfire. Our family trekked over to the fire circle. When it was apparent that we were the only ones coming, the ranger went back over the campground to find out what had happened. She returned shaking her head.

"They're all holed up in their rigs with the air-conditioner running and looking at the TV," she reported.

Today's vacationers would be at the campfire listening to the fiddler. They are drawn to what is called experiential living. When they travel, they take their home interests with them and do such things as golf, play tennis, drift in hot-air balloons or collect antiques. They raft down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, paint pictures or fish the Upper Peninsula of Michigan's Big Two-Hearted River where Ernest Hemingway fished before them. Older people take advantage of the Elderhostel program to go back to college to study. Even moviegoers seek a complete experience, which accounts for the burgeoning popularity of the nation's 11 Omnimax theaters, with their wrap-around screens and realistic projection and sound systems. In the first six months after Chicago's Museum of



Science and Industry opened the largest and newest of the Omnimax theaters in July 1986, more than 450,000 people were treated to a firsthand experience in outer space, courtesy of the 5-story-high screen.

The changes in museum exhibits reflect this same desire on the part of Americans to participate in a learning experience. Today, visitors to museums ranging from the California Railroad Museum at Sacramento to the vast Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., expect to participate in the exhibit instead of passively observing. At the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., a new \$6-million exhibit on "The Automobile in American Life" is due to open this fall, complete with such multi-dimensional artifacts as a 1940s diner, a Holiday Inn motel room and a drive-in theater.

Today's Americans are the best educated people in the history of the nation. While a decade ago only one in 10 had obtained a college degree, now one in five has done so. These well-educated people seek to gain additional knowledge as they go through life and plan good use of their leisure time. They would rather read a good book or a magazine article than look at a popular TV show. When they travel, they prefer an architectural walk through the Chicago Loop than a ride on a standard sight-seeing bus. They would rather stay at a bed-and-breakfast guest house or a historic country inn than at a chain hotel or motel.

"Life itself has become a series of experiences," explained Peter K. Francese, president of the American Demographics, Ithaca, N.Y., "whether it's broadening the mind through foreign cultures, expanding horizons with a meaningful job and/or family, or breaking out of the status quo by taking an unusual vacation."



"May I ask you one question..."

Americans of all ages are health conscious, and they believe that an active life is a healthy life. Just plain walking is the most popular pursuit; land jogging is a close second. Health spas have spread across the nation, and ocean cruise lines, long devoted to plying their passengers with rich food, now provide fitness programs.

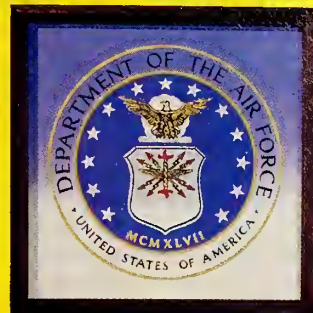
"Fitness is important to a lot of people these days," said Peter Compton, vice president of cruise programming for Norwegian Caribbean Lines. "Many of our passengers bring their workout clothes with them." The Professional Golfers Association of America and the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line have even teamed up for a Golf Ahoy program that provides island-hopping golf play at 13 ports of call and on-board instruction and putting and driving competitions. Cunard's *Queen Elizabeth II*, not to be out-done, has the Golden Door Spa at Sea, patterned after a popular California spa. Hotels also have fitness programs, and Club Med, once the playground for sybarites, now places heavy emphasis on wellness and good health, said Marvin Cetron, president of Forecasting International Ltd., Arlington, Va. Cetron added that people are insisting, "After I take my vacation, I want to feel better, as well as look better."

Dr. Douglas C. Frechtling, director of the U.S. Travel Data Center, discussed leisure and recreation in the 1990s before an international conference in November 1986, in London. He said the average American works 35 hours a week now, but this will decline to 33 hours in the next decade. What is perhaps more important is that work itself is becoming more agreeable and, thanks to modern communications and new management concepts, may be done at home instead of in a traditional work place. The boundaries between work and leisure are becoming blurred.

"There is a declining need to get away from it all because 'it all' has become more fulfilling," said Frechtling.

Mini-vacations throughout the year are likely to take the place of the extended vacations of yesterday, and the American home is likely to continue its growth as an entertainment center. Such things as TV reception by satellite dish and cable, digital audio and video recording and playing, electronic motion picture cameras and home computers are making home an attractive place for leisure time. This suggests that recreation and leisure will become an integral part of the work day and that it will be increasingly difficult to tell when an American is working or relaxing. ☐

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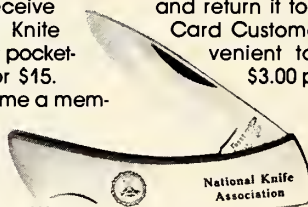
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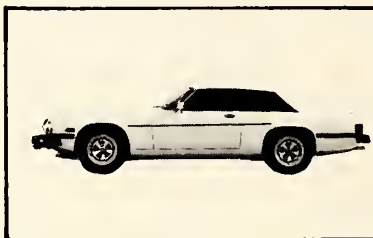
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was seen as the hopeful agent of change to a better world. Then, when Britain and France and the others left the Middle East, the United States became their substitute—the object of anger—and was held responsible for the remaining unresolved frustrations and problems that existed for these people.

**Q.** To what extent is the Soviet Union worsening and stirring up these hatreds against the United States?

**A.** The United States has successfully prevented the Soviet Union from expanding its influence in the Middle East, except for Syria. There was a time when the Soviets had a strong relationship with Egypt, but Egypt has since come over to the Western camp. The Soviet relationship with Libya is not one of absolute control, so the Soviets have essentially been kept out of the Middle East for the past 10 years. There is really not a lot they can do unless we are defeated and driven out. Then the Soviet Union would have achieved a major victory.

**Q.** What if we were driven out of Lebanon, which appears to be almost the case?

**A.** I don't think we should have been involved in Lebanon. The United States should have let Israel and Syria fight it out there. It was important that spheres of influence be staked out, that there be some reasonable partition of Lebanon because Lebanon has ceased to exist as an independent nation sometime before. Therefore, in order to have any stability in Lebanon, it was important that Israel and Syria divide the country. That hasn't been done and, as a result, the misery goes on. Unfortunately, by getting involved in the whole issue in '82, the United States made things worse, not only for the people there, but also for ourselves. We lost hundreds of people. □

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**A.** Yes. On a VA refinance, where the veteran is receiving cash from the transaction, the veteran must have sufficient entitlement remaining to guarantee the loan to the lender's satisfaction.

**Q.** I am the wife of a veteran who receives VA pension benefits. If I go to work, will this affect my husband's benefits?

**A.** If your husband established entitlement to pension benefits before Jan. 1, 1979, and continues to receive benefits based on the law in effect at that time, your earned income would not be a factor, although your wages could affect the way your other, non-

wage income is considered. If he receives benefits under the current pension law, your income would be a factor in determining the amount of his pension. If your joint income reaches a specified level, his pension would be discontinued.

**Q.** Is it true that husbands of female veterans are eligible for the same VA benefits as wives and widows of male veterans?

**A.** Yes. A husband or widower has the same status as a wife or widow of a male veteran and is eligible to receive the same benefits if entitled.

**Q.** I own a manufactured home on a rented lot. I would like to buy a lot for it. May I get a VA guaranteed loan for this?

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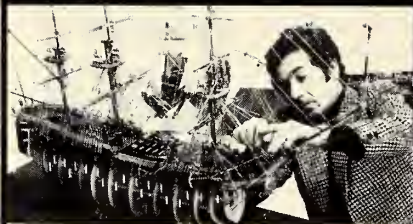
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## HEALTH CARE

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extended-care and geriatric-care programs such as hospital-based home care, adult day health care and geriatric evaluation units in VA facilities. "Clearly, the Senate recognizes the tremendous need for programs for our aging veteran population," Dean said. "This is certainly not the time to take losses in this vital medical area."

Both the House and Senate committee proposals recommended increased per diem reimbursements for care in state veterans' homes. If approved, the new rates will go from \$17.05 per day to \$20.35 per day for nursing-home care.

The Senate committee also is seeking legislation to help homeless veterans by making unused VA facilities available as shelters for the "street veterans."

Other recommendations in the House committee's VA budget included:

- \$30 million for treating veterans with AIDS.
- \$15 million more for the VA's domiciliary program for the care of homeless veterans.

- \$32.4 million for new hospital construction and renovation projects.

- \$150 million to extend programs for the next 2½ years that teach veterans new trades and skills through the Veterans' Job Training Act.

In response to both committees' budget proposals, Dean praised their efforts in defending the VA budget from unnecessary cuts. "The two veterans affairs committee chairmen and other members of the committees have done an outstanding job," the National Commander said. "It's clear they have the interests of America's veterans at heart." □



## SEA LANES

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tainly, because we have forward logistics bases, it would be easier for us to fight far from home than for the Soviets to fight far from their home."

This does not imply that all is smooth sailing. There is, first of all, the question of naval strength in terms of vessels. Moscow can now put to sea some 1,700 vessels, including 350 submarines and 300 major surface ships. Though many of the ships are technologically inferior to those of America's modernized Navy, there is as Weinberger once theorized, "something to be said for sheer numbers."

Our own fleet of 555 vessels is considerably smaller. Lehman, who advocates expanding and refining the Navy, said that during this decade America will spend about \$1 trillion on upgrades and additions. Still, current projections call for no more than 600 ships in the water by 1990. This will leave us 400 short of where we were at the peak of the Vietnam War.

To help fill in the gaps, Lehman said we rely on help from our allies, who "include all the world's great navies, save one." With the burden of providing European coastal defense assumed by NATO's diesel submarines and short-range attack craft, we are free to pursue our choke point strategy.

The performance of forward-deployed ships is critical to NATO's survival, given the length of time it takes for reinforcements to reach the front. For example, moving forces from the Mediterranean to the North Atlantic would require almost a week. It is doubtful whether our European allies



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For those who might consider such intensity excessive in peacetime, Lehman reiterated the ultimate objective: to choke off Moscow's potential aggression by hitting Soviet naval forces as fast, hard and close to home as possible. In the final analysis the home port is the *ultimate* choke point. If that sounds like an awfully tough attitude, Lehman said, then so be it.

"Our strategy," he said, "is simply being able to establish command of the seas, and to prevent the Soviets from being able to use the seas to attack our allies. And that usually means you've gotta sink their ships, or mine them, or otherwise deal with them.

"Just as we would be foolish to think that the Soviets would not attempt to hit our ships and mine our harbors, they would be foolish to believe that we would somehow allow them to strike our allies with a massive attack." □

## LEISURE

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in the 1970s, but was replaced by biking, which is America's second most favorite sport. Gallup no longer counts the few people who play once-popular miniature golf.

The Gallup survey also established that 71 million American households were devoted to lawn and garden care as a hobby. A national gardening survey in 1985 showed that nearly half of all American homes were engaged in flower gardening and 46 percent grew indoor house plants.

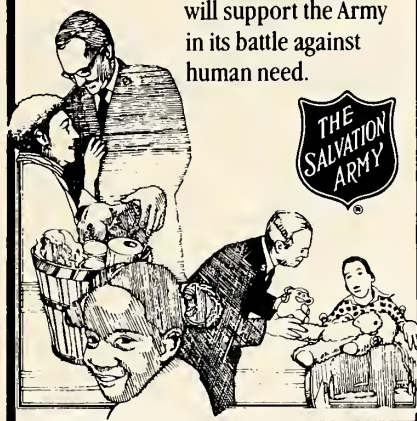
Although not necessarily an outdoor pursuit, 25 percent of the respondents said they liked to read books. "In the age of electronic entertainment and personal computers, books are thriving," said John P. Dessauer, director of the Center for Book Research at Pennsylvania's University of Scranton.

Dessauer claimed that there is a cultural maturation going on in America. A growing number of Americans regularly attend the ballet, symphony concerts, operas and read serious literature.

He said he believed that a better education, increased income, and migration explain the burgeoning appetite for books. He estimated Americans on the average next year will buy 7.96 books. Doubtless they could read these as they camp, fish, backpack, or conceivably, when commercials interrupt their favorite TV programs. □

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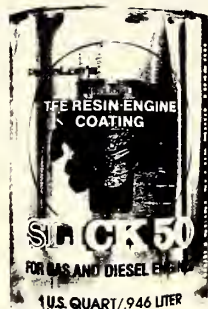
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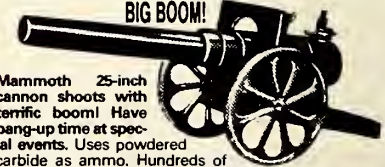
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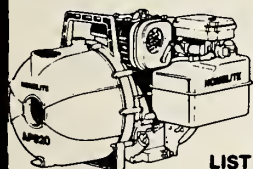
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The bartender served the customer's cocktail with a flourish. Pointing with irritation to a sprig of parsley floating on the drink, the customer said, "I ordered a Manhattan."

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Most parents are so simple a child can operate them.

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A Hungarian economist, just returned from a visit to the United States, met a friend in a cafe. "What did you study there?" asked the friend.

"I went to study the death of capitalism," replied the economist.

The friend then asked, "How did you find it?"

The economist said, with a sigh: "What a wonderful way to die!"

—Margaret O'Brien

## Looking Ahead

What's nice about procrastination? You always have something planned for tomorrow.

—Gil Stern

## Definition

Elephant: A mouse built to government specifications.

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## The Love Boat

When the phone rang, the teen-age boy asked his father to answer it. He did and after listening for a moment, said, "This isn't 'dreamboat.' This is the supply ship."

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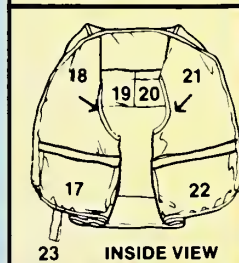
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14. Open top, back ... (3½ x 3¾)
15. Open top, back ... (3½ x 3¾)
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